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SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" Sir, may I know whether there is no possibility of some at least of these 9 (a) (i) candidates being absorbed by the process of regularization of their services? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, we have been trying our best to absorb them but the question of departmental tests is a different thing."

SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" Sir, may I know, why there should be a ban on these 9 (a) (i) candidates from appearing for these departmental tests when they themselves knowing fully well that there is no guarantee of their being absorbed take the risk? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, the competition is already too great. We cannot go on simply adding to the number of competitors."

SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" Sir, may I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that there is a feeling among these candidates, that this being an educational qualification, there should not be any ban on their acquiring it when they are young and without any encumbrances? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, it is just the point that requires examination. This is not to be treated as some sort of an educational examination for a degree or the S.S.L.C. and things like that. It is a departmental test which should be imposed on those who have a good chance of utilizing that qualification."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Sir, may I know whether the rules relating to the appointment of the Backward Classes of citizens in Public Services are observed in the case of recruitment of these 9 (a) (i) candidates? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I do not think that hereafter there will be any such recruitment. A large number of them are already waiting to be absorbed. If there is any further recruitment, I shall keep the hon. Member's suggestion in mind."

SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" Sir, may I know whether it is a fact that hard cases of 9 (a) (i) candidates were considered already they were allowed to sit for the Service Commission Examination and absorbed in the service? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, it is true."

Scales of pay of nursing orderlies, stretcher bearers, etc.

* 2 Q.—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the salary paid to (i) male nursing orderlies; (ii) female nursing orderlies; (iii) stretcher bearers; (iv) lascars; and (v) sweepers employed in Government Hospitals in Madras City?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Sir, I suppose the Hon. the Minister for Public Health is aware of the fact that minimum salaries for menials under municipalities and local boards are fixed under the Minimum Wages Act. Sir, may I know whether the Government propose to pay the full-time Government servants mentioned in the answer to this question at least the minimum wages paid to the menials under local boards which are fixed under the Minimum Wages Act? If not, will the Hon. Minister enlighten us as to why the Government do not enforce the Minimum Wages Act in regard to their own employees while asking the local bodies to do so?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, there is no proposal to enhance the scales of pay. It is a matter which involves finance and it has been considered and dropped."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Sir, may I know whether the Government consider that these persons can maintain themselves and their families and also their prestige as Government servants on the pittance of a salary that is paid to them?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, most people do not depend entirely on the salary they get from the Government."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Sir, may I know whether it is the policy of the Government to encourage Government servants to depend on other sources of income besides their salaries?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I have been completely misunderstood. What I meant was that these young gentlemen depend upon their family resources and get a little more money by entering jobs like these."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Sir, are these full-time jobs?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY :—" May I know whether, in every case of employment by the Government, the fact that employees have other sources of revenue is taken into consideration?"

11-30 a.m. THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" There are some jobs which are more in the nature of physical work. To that class of jobs, what I said applies."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I know whether a sweeper who is paid Rs. 15 and who has to do a full-time job is getting a living wage and should not the Government set an example to other employers by giving a living wage to their own employees?"

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" We are entering into a discussion on the general financial structure of our Government administration. It is true that in some cases the whole family depends upon the job. In other cases the members of the family also work and earn. These various facts are facts even if we argue academically in a different way, and we must take these facts into account. An ordinary sweeper's family earns quite a substantial amount in these days whether they are employed in hospitals or whether they are employees of municipalities and district boards."

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY :—" It is stated here that while the Government servants are not getting minimum wages the Government compel local bodies and municipalities to pay minimum wages to their servants. May I know whether the Government are at liberty to throw over-board the recommendations of the Advisory Committee set up under the Minimum Wages Act and are not the Government bound to carry out their recommendations? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The advice is applied from time to time according to capacity of the Government, the local bodies, the industrialists, etc. The advice should not be deemed as a legislative enactment."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" I find from the answer that municipalities and district boards are asked to pay a lascar Rs. 23 a month under the Minimum Wages Act, while the Government themselves pay only Rs. 18 a month. Thus it will be seen from the answer that this Government pay less to a lascar than what they themselves ask the local boards and municipalities to pay. May I know whether the Government will see the anomaly of it and make proposals to put an end to it? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" In addition to pay and dearness allowance, these people are given a house rent allowance of Rs. 7 a month or they are provided with quarters. They are given free clothing—two sets of uniform per year. They get also the medical and educational concessions to which all non-gazetted officers with salaries below Rs. 300 are entitled."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know whether the Government will extend all these concessions to the servants of the local boards and municipalities also? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Yes, when we get more surplus in the Budget."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I know whether the Government realize the payment of these very low wages demoralises Government servants? "

SRI MOHAMAD RAZA KHAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether these people are not very much happy when they get an extraordinary increment of annas eight per year quite apart from their initial salaries of Rs. 15, Rs. 18, Rs. 19 and Rs. 24? "

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I appreciate the irony in the question. But eight annas is not a small matter when it is multiplied by a very large figure, viz., the number of people, concerned."

National Extension Scheme.

* 3 *Q*.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the new blocks taken up for development under the National Extension Scheme this year and the amount allotted for each such area; and

(*b*) the establishment of officers and staff sanctioned for each National Extension Scheme area?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The National Extension Service has been launched in 28 blocks during the current financial year. The programmed cost of working a National Extension Service block for a period of three years is as follows :—

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Recurring expenditure	1·5
Non-recurring expenditure	2·0
Loans	4·0
	7·5

" (*b*) The following staff have been sanctioned for each of the selected blocks :

One Block Development Officer.

One Extension Officer for Agriculture.

One Extension Officer for Animal Husbandry.

One Extension Officer for Co-operation and Panchayats.

Two Social Education Organizers (one man and one woman).

One Extension Service Supervisor-*cum*-Junior Engnieer.

Three Gramasevaks (Grade I).

Seven Gramasevaks (Grade II).

One Accountant-*cum*-Store-keeper.

One typist-*cum*-clerk.

Eight peons.

One Jeep driver."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know whether these Block Development Officers are given the same scales of pay as other officers? "